THE SPEECH OF MASTER SPEAKER BEFORE HIS Majestie, AND BOTH THE HOVSES OF Parliament, after his returne from *Scotland*, upon passing the Bill for Tunnage and Poundage, on Thursday the 2. of *December*.

Also, relating the present distempers of *England* and *Ireland*.

Wherennto is annexed his Majesties Speech in Parliament.

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MOST DREAD SOVERAIGNE,

THe obſervation taken from the unlike Compoſitions, and various motions of the world, made the Philoſopher conclude, *Tota hujus mundi concordia ex diſcordibus conſtat.* The happy conjuncture of both theſe Nations in the Triumph and Ioy of your Sacred preſence, extracted from the different and divided diſpoſitions and opinions, gives us cauſe to obſerve & to admire theſe bleſſed effects from ſuch contrary cauſes. Wee may without flattery commend your Sacred Majeſty, the glorious Inſtrument of this happy change, whoſe piety and prudence, directed by the hand of God, hath contracted this union from theſe various diſcords.

The Story of theſe times will ſeeme paradoxes in following generations, when they ſhall heare of Peace ſprung from the Root of diſſention, of union planted upon the Stocke of

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diviſions, two Armies in the Field both ready to ſtrike the firſt blow, and both united without a ſtroke.

Nothing can reduce theſe truths into a beliefe, but the knowledge of your piety and Iuſtice, who hath accompliſht theſe acts of wonder, by goodneſſe, and gentleneſſe, without force and violence.

This way of conqueſt, this *bellum incruentum*, hath beene the Rule of the moſt valiant and puiſſant Monarchs, advancing your glory, in ſafegard of one ſubject, more then in the death of a thouſand enemies.

Thus have you erected a Monument of glory to your Sacred memory for all generations.

And as your care and piety for the welfare of your Northerne Kingdome called you to that worke for the great comfort of your people which your wiſdome hath ſo happily conſummated: So now the diſtemper of your other kingdome (Fomented by the ſame ſpirits, whoſe preſence admits no peace in Iſrael) Calls on your providence to heale the diſeaſes of that Nation.

The one from whence you returned, hath with

with *Abell* (though the elder brother) offered an acceptable Sacrifice; The other with *Cain* hath erected altars of bloud and revenge (the old Immolations of Iesuiticall priesthood) which invokes the negligence of your Iustice.

The one to a naturall, hath added a politicke brotherhood.

The other of brothers (I am sorry to say it) are become strangers.

The fidelity of the one hath written a Story of admiration to the world.

The disloyalty of the other hath paralell'd that horrid Designe (matchlesse before amongst all generations) First in their intention, the destruction of a Kingdome, even then when Vnity and Peace was tying the knot of Religion and safety.

In the Discoverie a moment of time prevented the execution.

In the actors (Iesuits and Priests) without whom the malice of the Devill could not have found a party in the world fitted to act over the like bloudy tragedy.

But this amongst our many loyes we receive by your happy returne is not the least, nay the

greateſt, That that providence which protected that gracious King, your moſt religious Father, from that bloudy Attempt, and increaſed the bleſſing of a long and happy Reigne, hath alſo defended your Sacred throne from all their Machinations.

Thus we ſee Religion is the greateſt policy, the never-failing ſupport of King and kingdome, that which Firmes you and your poſterity to your Throne, and our duty and obedience to it.

Give me leave here moſt gracious Soveraigne to ſumme up the ſenſe of eleven Moneths obſervation without intermiſſion (ſcarce) of a day, nay an houre in that day, to the hazard of life and fortune, and to reduce all into this Concluſion, he Endevours of your Commons aſſembled, guided by your pious & religious example, is to preſerve Religion in its purity without mixture or compoſition, againſt theſe ſubtile invadors; and with our lives and fortunes to eſtabliſh theſe Thrones to your Sacred perſon, and thoſe beames of Majeſtie, your Royall Progeny, againſt treaſon and rebellion.

The wayes that conduce to this end are the

defence of the Land and Sea, for the one, wee have already voted to raiſe moneis; for the other, this Bill in ſome meaſure will accompliſh for a little time, and to that end I (by the Command of the Commons) humbly beſeech your Royall aſſent.

His Majeſties SPEECH the 2. of *December*.

I Am to ſpeake a word unto you, ſince I have beene ſo long abſent from you; It is no way in anſwer to the Learned Speech of Maſter Speaker: But yet I ſhall touch one point of it concerning *Ireland*; But firſt I muſt tell you, though I have beene abſent longer then indeed I did expect, or could have been expected by you, yet I ſtayed no longer in *Scotland* then the neceſſity of thoſe affaires would abſolutely permit, and indeed I have therein done ſo much good, that I will boldly affirme unto you, that I have left the people a moſt contented and happy Nation; So that if I did miſreckon a little in time, I doe not miſreckon in the end.

Now though I have deceived you a little of your expectation in point of time, I confeſſe you have deceived my expectation in finding of buſineſſe here, for I had thought to have found things in quietneſſe, and ſettled both for Religion and peace of this Kingdome,

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But I found distractions, such as I could not expect, In so much, as the Parliament was thought fit to be guarded, this I speake not any way to seeke out a fault, or to have any distrust of the hearty affections of my Subjects, but on the contrary when I came here (as you all see) I found the affection of my people unto me, to my great comfort.

Now I assure you, I come with the same affection that you or any good people of the world could wish, for I am so farre from disliking any thing that I have done hitherto, that if it were to doe againe (in the favour and good of my people) that I protest I would doe it againe.

And whatsoever may be justly expected of me for the securing of Religion and Liberty of my people, I shall not faile to doe it, and therefore I shall mention no particular at this time, but onely that great particular of *Ireland*, which Mr. Speaker did mention, of which I do not doubt, but you have had a great care, yet me thinks, things go on slowly, and I mention this more reasonably, because a couple of Noblemen are come out of *Scotland* according to the Petition and Instructions, which it pleased both Houses to send unto mee at *Barwicke*, which I instantly dispatched to the Chancellor, who now have the disposing of all things. I spoke to them this morning, and I decreed both Houses to appoint a select Committee, and make an end of that businesse with them.

I have but this word more to say, that I assure you, I have no other end but the happinesse of my People, for their flourishing, is my greatest Glory, and their affection, my greatest strength.

FINIS.